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1. EMBOFF MET APRIL 7 WITH MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION PROTOCOL SECTION OFFICIAL (LYUBIMOV) PER INSTRUCTIONS REFA A AND C TO STATE THAT SOVIET COUNTER-PROPOSAL TO ALLOW ON-ROUTE IN-COUNTRY STOPS BEFORE FINAL DESTINATION (AFTER INITIAL DEPARTURE POINTS) WAS UNACCEPTABLE TO USG. EMBOFF FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT US POSITION REMAINS AS OUTLINED IN EMBASSY NON-PAPER DELIVERED TO MFA MARCH 25 ON BASIS REF A. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, LYUBIMOV SUGGESTED THAT SOVIETS DROP THEIR PROPOSAL IN RETURN FOR US AGREEMENT TO INCLUDE PARAGRAPH 8 TO PROTOCOL ANNEX PROPOSED REF A WITHIN EXISTING PARA 5.

2. EFFECT OF LATEST SOVIET MOVE WOULD BE TO MAKE QUESTION OF OPERATION OF SERVICES TO AND FROM POINTS BEYOND FINAL POINT OF DEPARTURE SUBJECT TO EXPIRATION, IN SAME WAY AS ARE NUMBER OF FREQUENCIES. THUS, SOVIETS WILLING TO AGREE TO US PROPOSAL ONLY THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 1975, AFTER WHICH IT WOULD BE REVIEWED. (COMMENT: THIS IS CLEARLY ANOTHER SUBJECT THEY WISH TO RAISE AT ANTICIPATED GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT LEVEL TALKS NEXT FALL. LYUBIMOV MADE NO SECRET OF FACT THAT AEROFLOT IN NO WAY INTERESTED
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FALL AS GESTURE OF GOODWILL. END COMMENT)

3. REGARDING CHARTER FACILITATION, EMBOFF SUGGESTED AN EXCHANGE OF NON-PAPERS SPELLING OUT ORAL COMMITMENT TO WHICH SOVIETS HAD EARLIER AGREED. LYUBIMOV AGREED IN PRINCIPLE, PENDING RESOLUTION OF FINAL WORDING.

4. EMBOFF ASSURED LYUBIMOV THAT APRIL 8 AEROFLOT MOSCOW/NEW YORK FLIGHT COULD PROCEED WITHOUT VIOLATING ITS FOREIGN AIR CARRIER PERMIT (THIS WOULD BE SECOND FLIGHT OF WEEK), ALTHOUGH IF FREQ-UENCIES QUESTION NOT RESOLVED BY FRIDAY, THERE WOULD CLEARLY BE PROBLEM WITH AEROFLOT FLIGHT TO WASHINGTON THAT DAY.

5. PLEASE ADVISE. IF SOVIET POSITION OUTLINED IN PARA ONE ABOVE ACCEPTABLE TO DEPARTMENT, PLEASE CABLE AUTHORITY TO PROCEED WITH NOTE EXCHANGE.
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